REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-11, 13, 15-16, 18, 20-21, and 23-24 are in the present application. Claims 3, 5, 12, 14, 17, 19 and 22 are cancelled. Claims 8 and 9 were cancelled in a previous amendment.

Claims 1, 10, 15, and 20-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by US Application No. 5,911, 776 to Guck ("Guck"). Respectfully, Applicant contends that this rejection is overcome.

Claim 1 provides for a method of composing a computer message. The method includes: "(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area."

Guck is directed to a network providing a server using an object-database enabling an author to create and store an original document, as a source file with a first format. Software in the data base purportedly provides multiple sets of shadow file-converter groups to the source file of the original document (Abstract). The shadow file does not have any content, but merely points back to the first source file with certain object connecting techniques called "relationships." (Column 4, lines 45-48.) Guck discloses selecting among various formats to reformat documents. (Column 6, lines 49-64). Thus, in Guck, conversions take place from one format to another format, but with no concatenation of messages.

Whereas, in Guck, conversions take place from one format to another format using shadow files, Guck does not disclose, teach or suggest **"(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area;"**

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Therefore, Applicant submits that Guck does not expressly or inherently describe all of the elements set forth in claim 1, and thus, Guck does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 10, 15, 20, and 23 include a recital similar to that of claim 1, as discussed above. Therefore, for reasoning similar to that provided in support of claim 1, Applicant submits that Guck does not anticipate claims 10, 15, 20 and 23.

Claims 21-22 and claim 24 depend from claims 20 and 23, respectively. By virtue of their dependencies, claims 21-22 and claim 24 are patentable over Guck

Claims 2-7, 11-14 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guck in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,173 to Ferrel et al. ("Ferrel").

Ferrel is directed towards a story editor which can save files in a Multimedia Document Format (MDF) file. (Abstract). These multi-media files are then used to provide content for displayed on-line titles. (Column 3, lines 43-45).

There is a teaching away from the use of formatted messages in Ferrel. Ferrel reads "... there is little flexibility to change the document's formatting once the tagged documents have been produced. Therefore, the process of creating documents for display using SGML or HTML is very inefficient for the document designer ... Other commercially available software programs for producing on-line publications are available in the marketplace" (Column 2, lines 59-66).
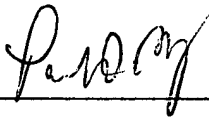
However, Ferrel does not dislose, teach or suggest **(d) presenting said first and second formatted messages as a concatenated complete message for display in said formatted message display area;"**

Indeed, Ferrel does not make up for the deficiencies of Guck as Guk relates to claims 1, 10, and 15. Therefore, claims 1, 10, and 15, and by virtue of their dependency, claims 2-7, 11-14, and 16-19 are all patentable over the cited combination of Guck and Ferrel.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-11, 13, 15-16, 18, 20-21, and 23-24 are patentable over the cited and relied upon references. The allowance of claims 1-2, 4-7, 10-11, 13, 15-16, 18, 20-21, and 23-24 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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